

Open Universe Initiative

A Capacity Building Initiative

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CONTEXT

Space accessibility is one of the four pillars (others being space economy, space society and space diplomacy) supporting a Space 2030 Agenda, as established after UNISPACE+50.

- The Agenda envisions strategies and activities to strengthen the contribution of the space sector to the achievement of global targets, such as the SDGs.
- In particular, **space accessibility** responds to the underlining fundamental goal of sharing the benefits of space exploration amongst all nations.
- Reduction of inequality of opportunities in the growing and diversifying space sector, and enhancement of international cooperation in space, are at the basis of efforts to build a peaceful future of outer space.



DATA AS AN ENTRY DOOR TO SPACE

Data is specially relevant for space accessibility, and the distribution of the benefits of space exploration today.



Among the different avenues for space accessibility, data stands out as

- **the most sustainable entry point,**
- **providing a cheap and secure starting level,**
- **based on education and capacity building**

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It also offers a

- **cost-effective avenue for international co-operation for development,**
- **whereby local groups and new players can be quickly welcomed into the global arena,**
- **and impactful “south-south” co-operation can quickly be initiated.**



ORIGINS OF THE INITIATIVE

Original Open Universe
Proposal at 59th COPUOS:
A/AC.105/2016/CRP6

**Committee on the Peaceful
Uses of Outer Space**
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**“Open Universe” proposal, an initiative under the auspices
of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for
expanding availability of and accessibility to open source
space science data.**

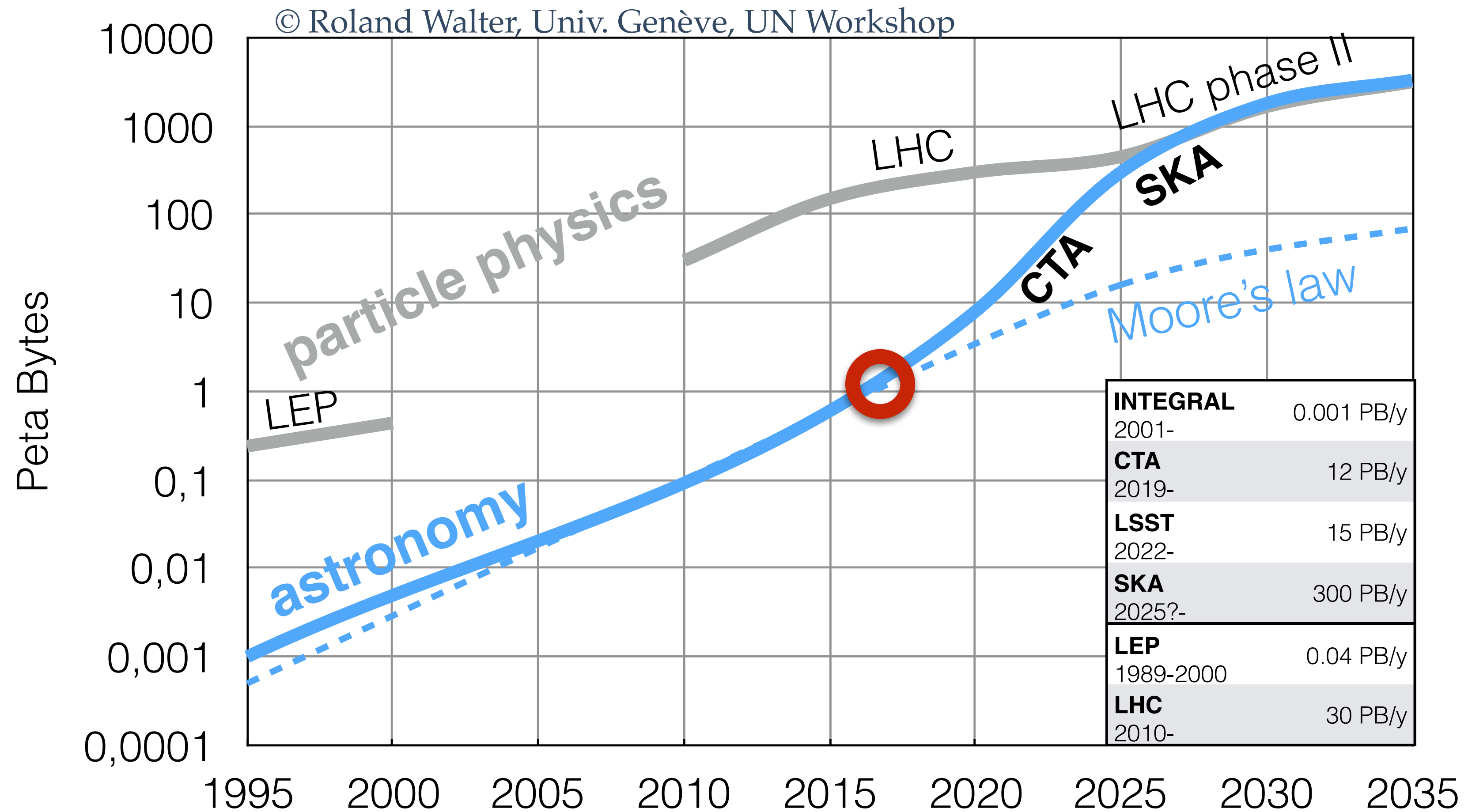
Proposal by Italy

“Open Universe” was originally proposed by Italy as an initiative under the auspices of COPUOS, during the preparations for UNISPACE+50.

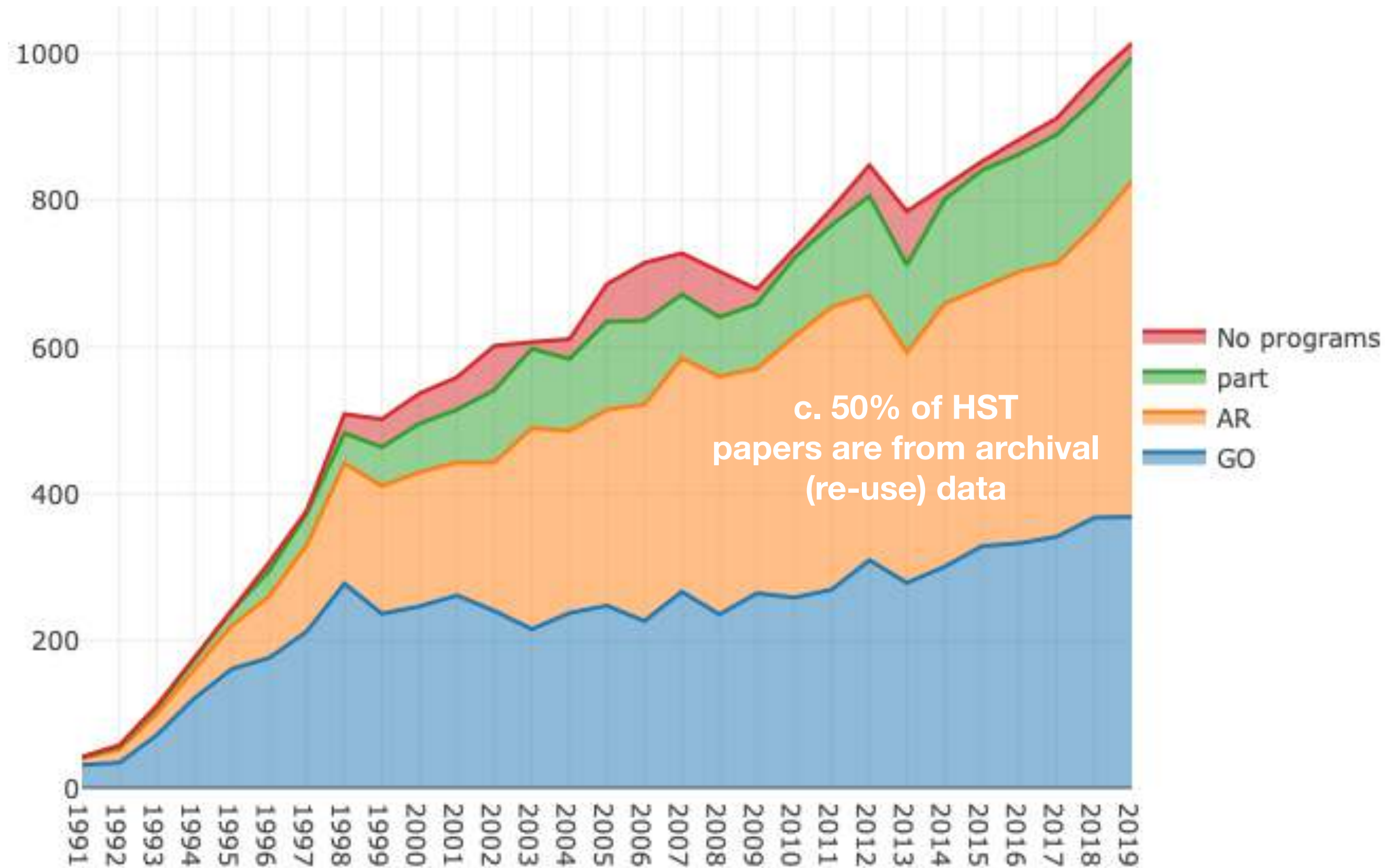
- **Main goal is** to dramatically expand the availability and access to space science data, responding to the growing demands of transparency on the use of public resources and of the societal returns of science.
- **Motivated by** (i) from one side, the evidence of the increased rate of production of scientific data in all fields, including space science, and the responsibility to convert such data into effective knowledge; (ii) on the current context in which technological barriers to data sharing and access have been dramatically reduced, opening up new opportunities for knowledge dissemination and inclusion.

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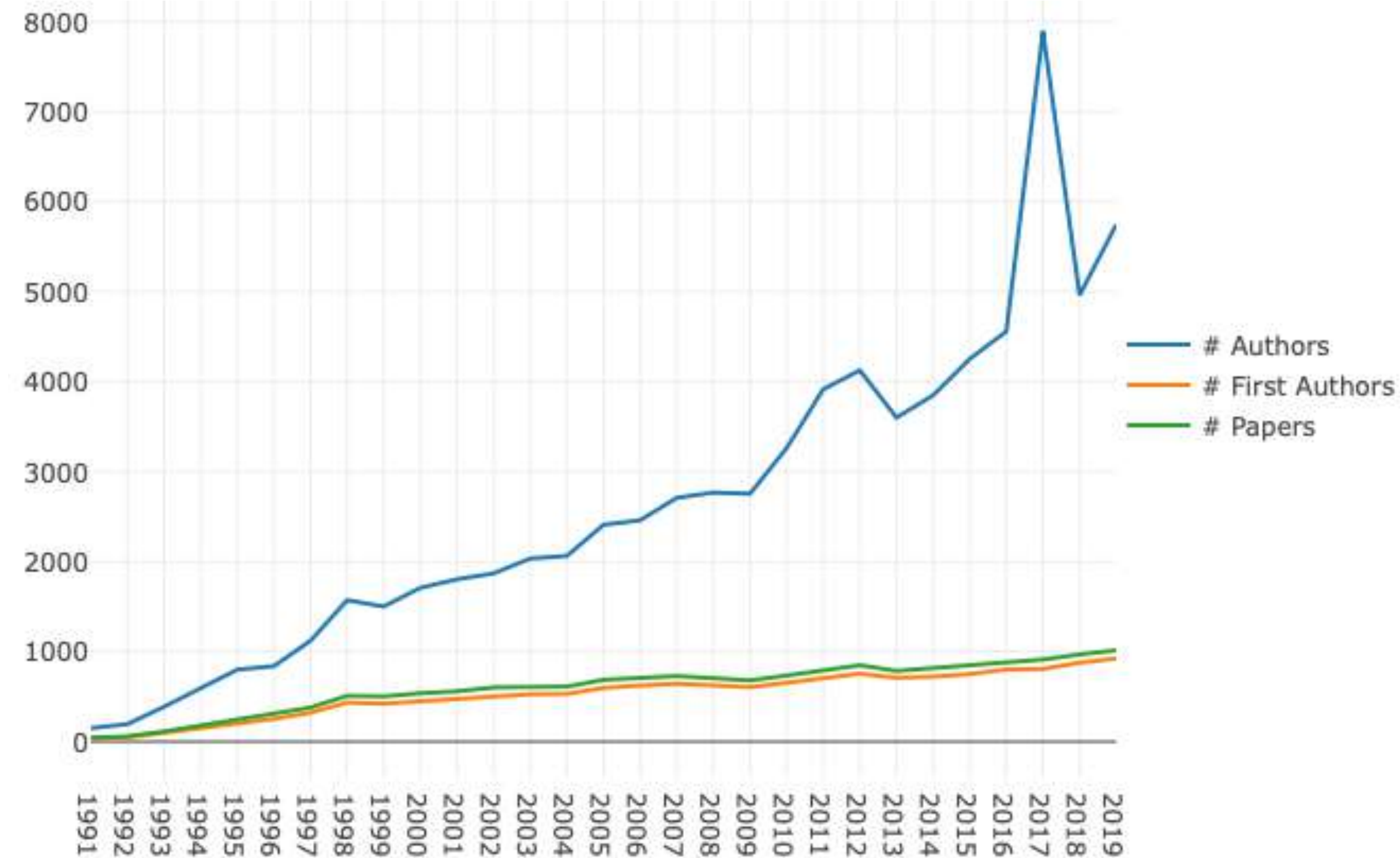
I - Dramatic increase in the volume of data produced in astronomy and space sciences



Space Telescope Science Institute Archives



Unique authors chart

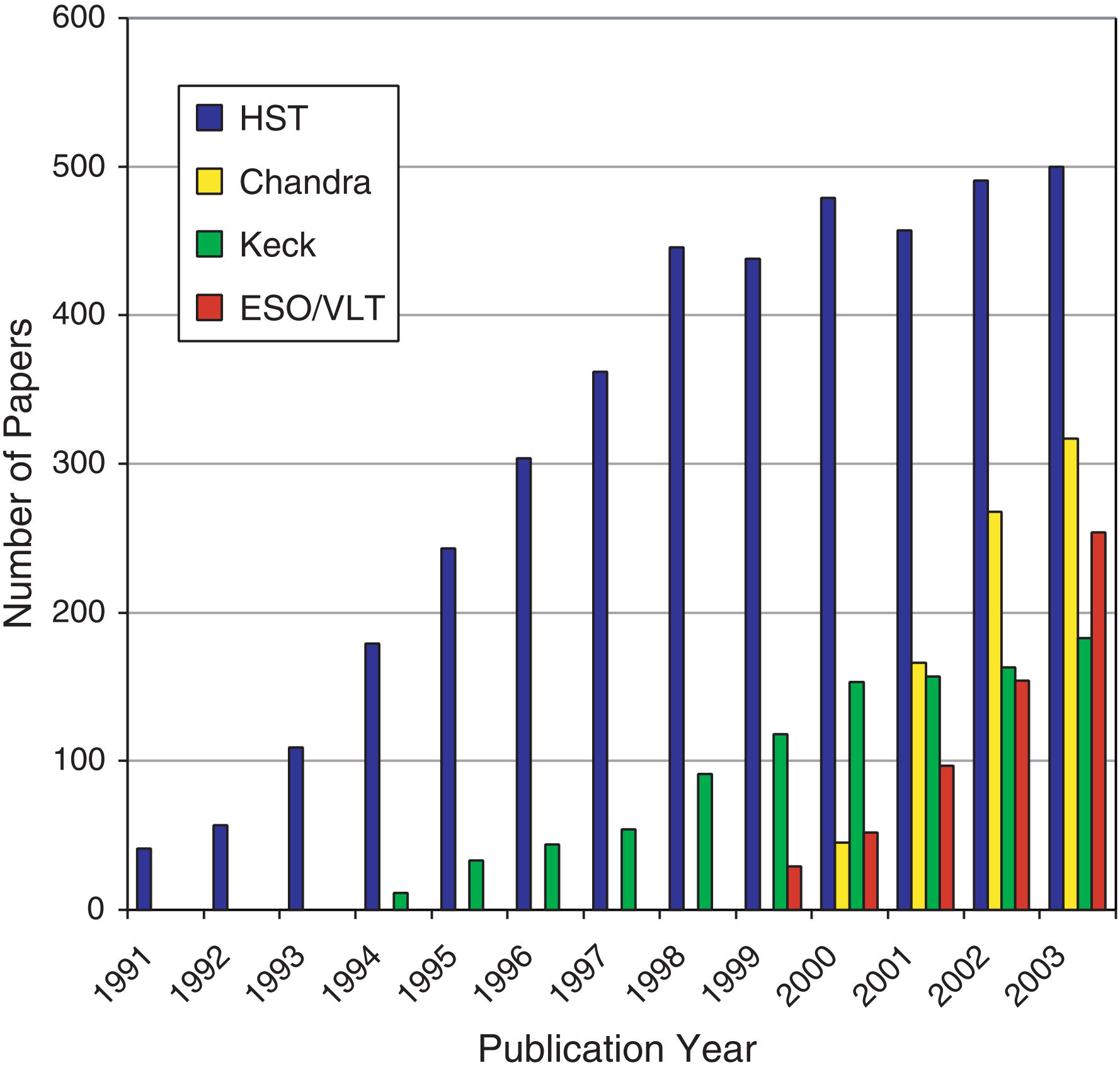


HST has one of the best-serviced data archives amongst astronomical observatories, which resulted in an increase of 2x the number of science publications and number of papers and unique authors.

Open Science

The example of the Hubble Space Telescope

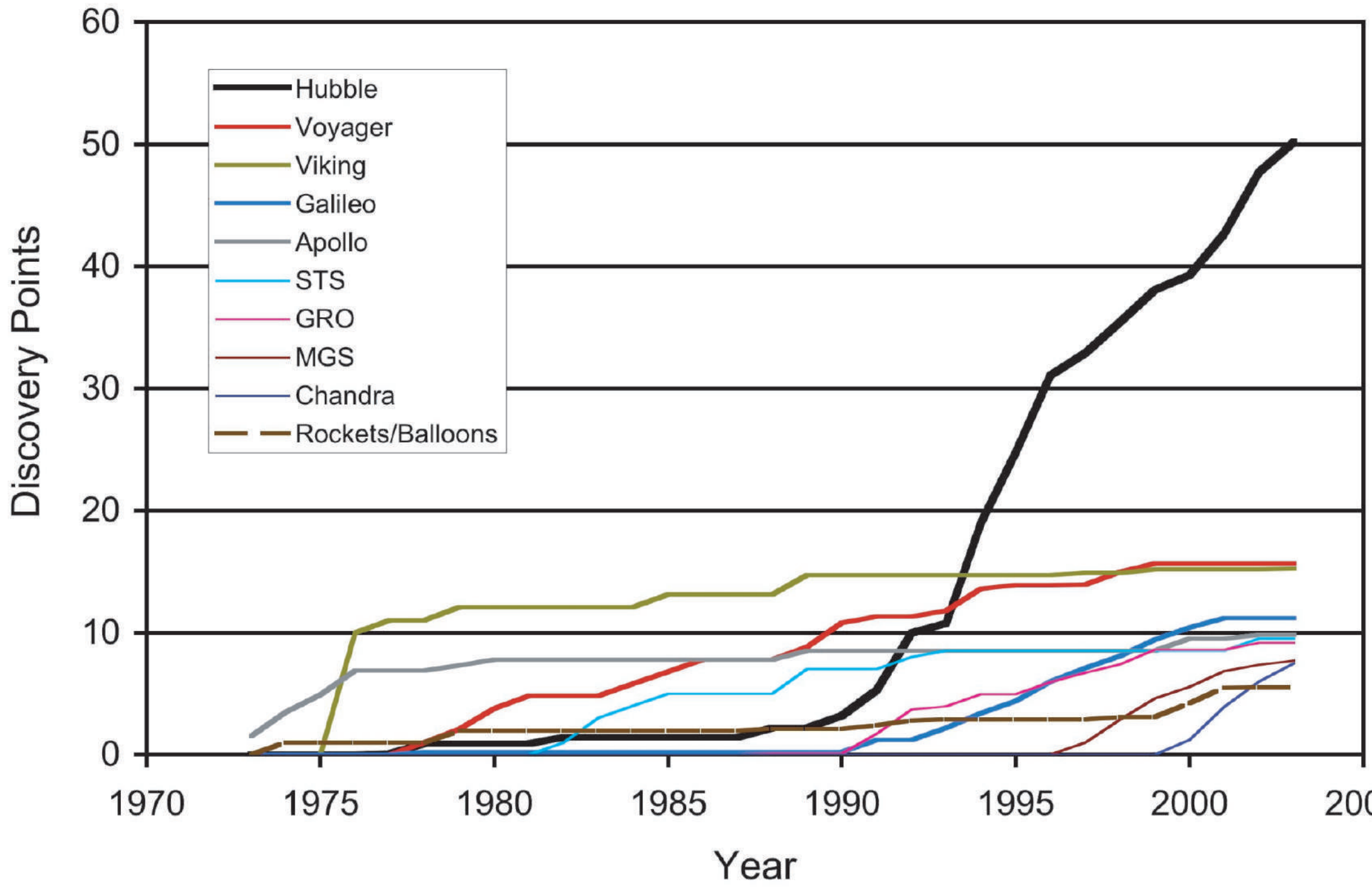
US National Academy of Sciences Publication output for major astronomical facilities



Science with Hubble:

- age of the Universe
- Universe expansion rate (Nobel '11)
- Supermassive Black Holes (Nobel '20)
- Distribution of matter in the Universe (dark matter)

Discovery in the media

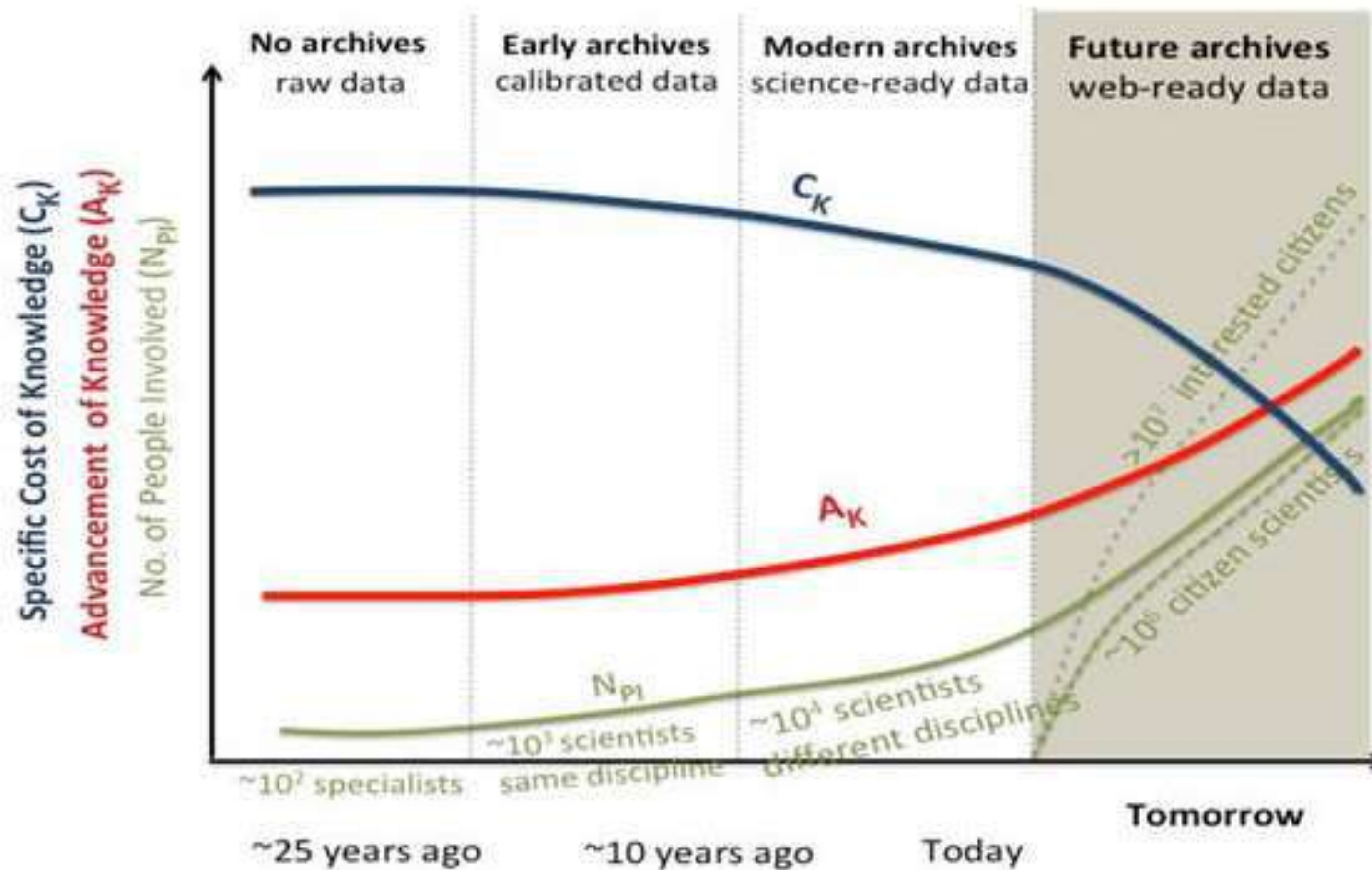


Open Science

The example of the Hubble Space Telescope

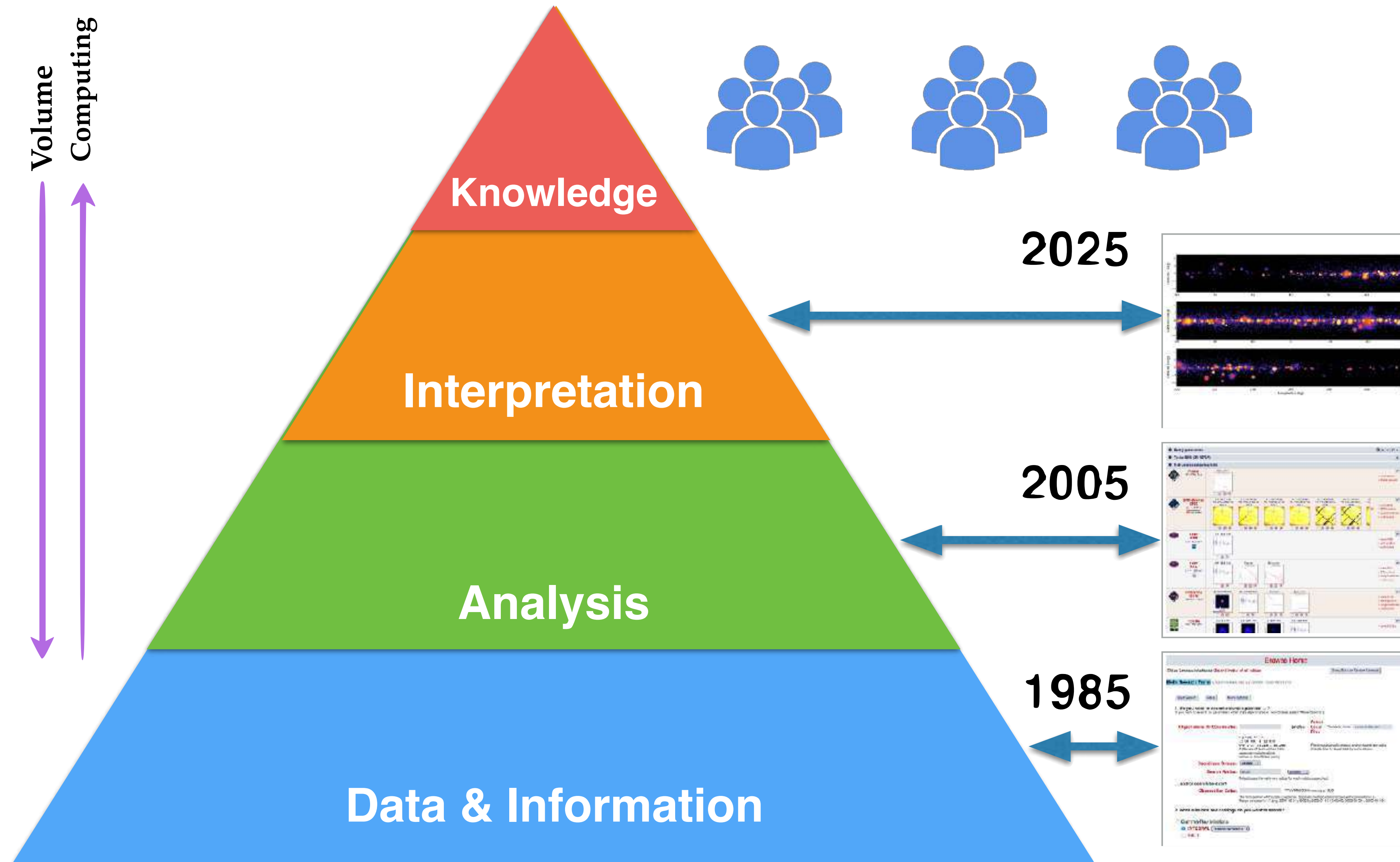
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II - Evolution of information technology opens new opportunities for data sharing, accessibility, and utilisation.



From the original COPUOS proposal by Italy

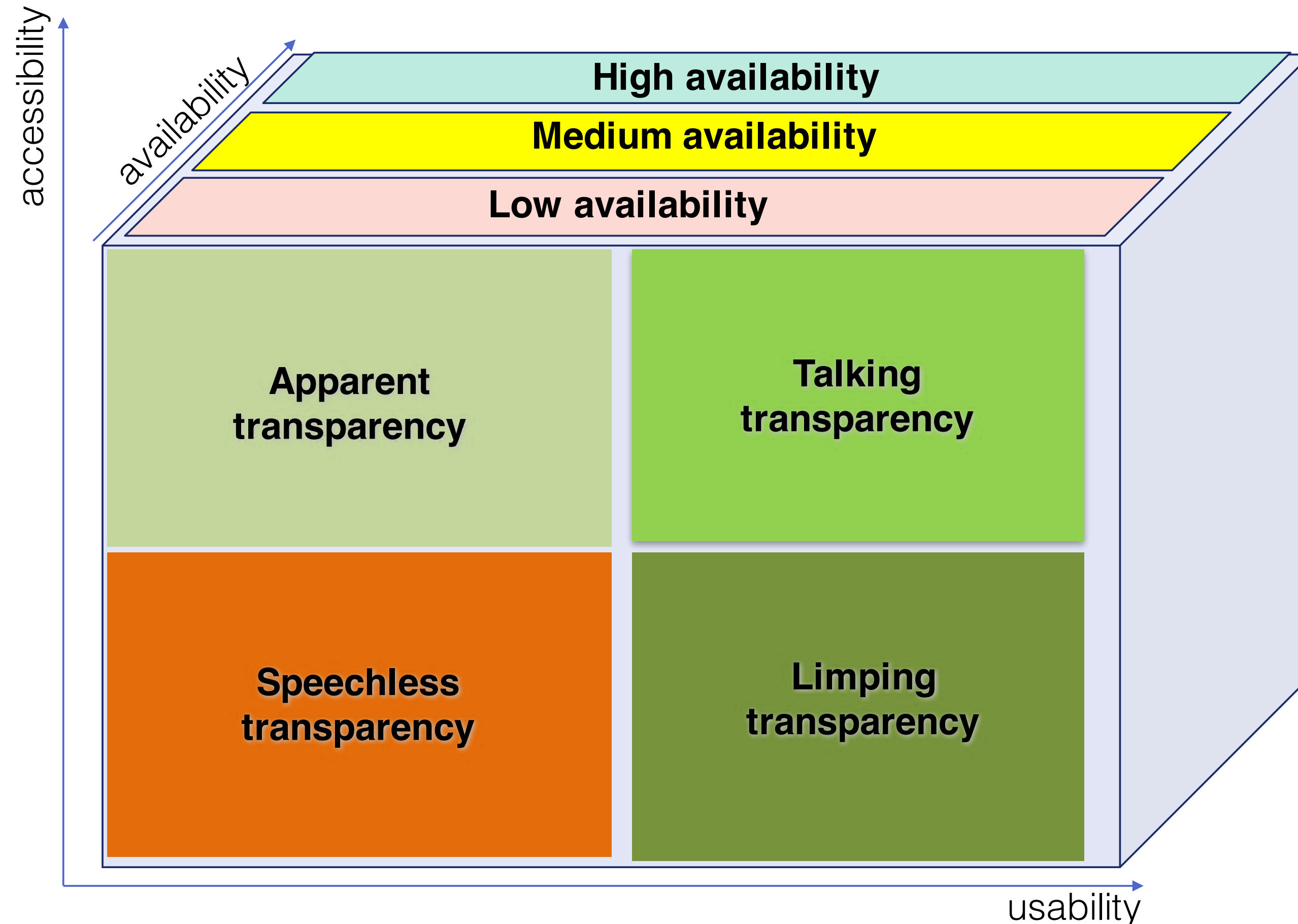
DEMOCRATISING KNOWLEDGE



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Transparency Matrix

Massimo De Angelis, ASI



Mute Transparency: Open data have no transparency;

Apparent Transparency: Open data have low usability level, even if accessibility is high;

Partial Transparency: Open data have a high usability level, even if accessibility is low;

Communicative Transparency: Open data have good quality level and accessibility. At this stage effective transparency is reached.

“Sustainability” of open data for Development

The basic resources (e.g. IVOA) are already in place.

With some small-ish effort the entry barrier can be further lower to welcome a growing and diverse number of actors.

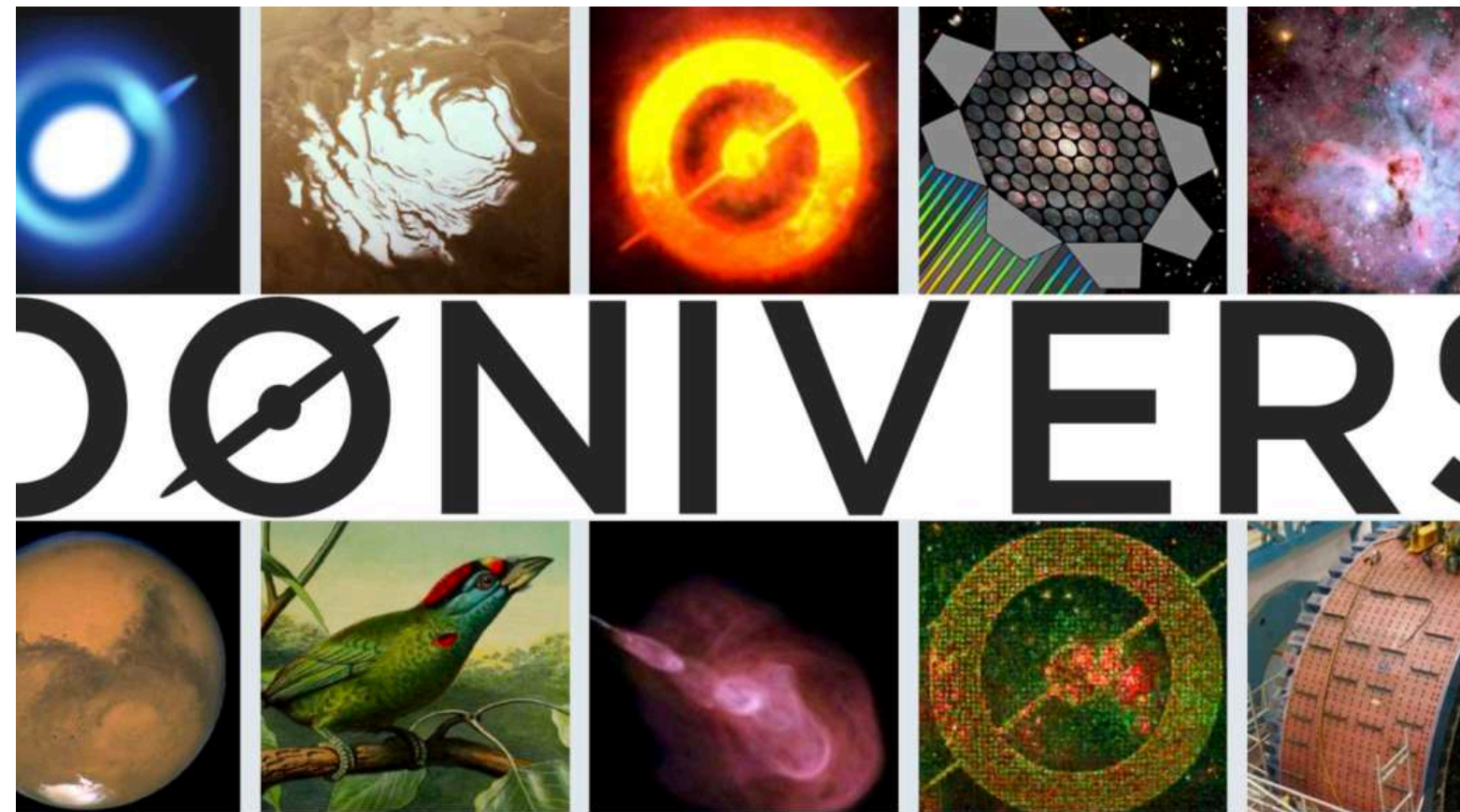
Developmental and societal impact is the best argument for justifying additional expenditure to maintain services by e.g. large missions.

Increased cooperation reduces costs in the long-term.



Knowledge-based society?

Examples from Citizen-Science



Citizen-science are co-authors in MNRAS article baseado on a project from zooniverse.org

Paper at Research Notes of AAS totally lead and authored only by citizen-scientists.

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Planet Hunters TESS I: TOI 813, a subgiant hosting a transiting Saturn-sized planet on an 84-day orbit

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ABSTRACT

We report on the discovery and validation of TOI 813 b (*TIC 55525572 b*), a transiting exoplanet identified by citizen scientists in data from NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (*TESS*) and the first planet discovered by the Planet Hunters *TESS* project. The host star is a bright ($V = 10.3$ mag) subgiant ($R_* = 1.94 R_\odot$, $M_* = 1.32 M_\odot$). It was observed almost continuously by *TESS* during its first year of operations, during which time four individual transit events were detected. The candidate passed all the standard light curve-based vetting checks, and ground-based follow-up spectroscopy and speckle imaging enabled us to place an upper limit of $2 M_{\text{Jup}}$ (99 per cent confidence) on the mass of the companion, and to statistically validate its planetary nature. Detailed modelling of the transits yields a period of $83.8911^{+0.0027}_{-0.0031}$ d, a planet radius of $6.71 \pm 0.38 R_\oplus$ and a semimajor axis of $0.423^{+0.031}_{-0.037}$ AU. The planet's orbital period combined with the evolved nature of the host star places this object in a relatively underexplored region of parameter space. We estimate that TOI 813 b induces a reflex motion in its host star with a semi-amplitude of $\sim 6 \text{ m s}^{-1}$, making this a promising system to measure the mass of a relatively long-period transiting planet.

Key words: methods: statistical – planets and satellites: detection – stars: fundamental parameters – stars: individual (TIC-55525572 – TOI 813).

1 INTRODUCTION

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (*TESS*; Ricker et al. 2015) is the first nearly all-sky space-based transit search mission. Over the course of its two-year nominal mission, *TESS* will observe

hemisphere) that extend from the ecliptic pole to near the ecliptic plane. Targets located at low ecliptic latitudes (around 63 per cent of the sky) will be monitored for ≈ 27.4 continuous days, while a total of ~ 2 per cent of the sky at the ecliptic poles will be observed continuously for ~ 356 d. This observational strategy means that

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Examples from Citizen-Science

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A catalog of new Blazar candidates with Open Universe by High School students

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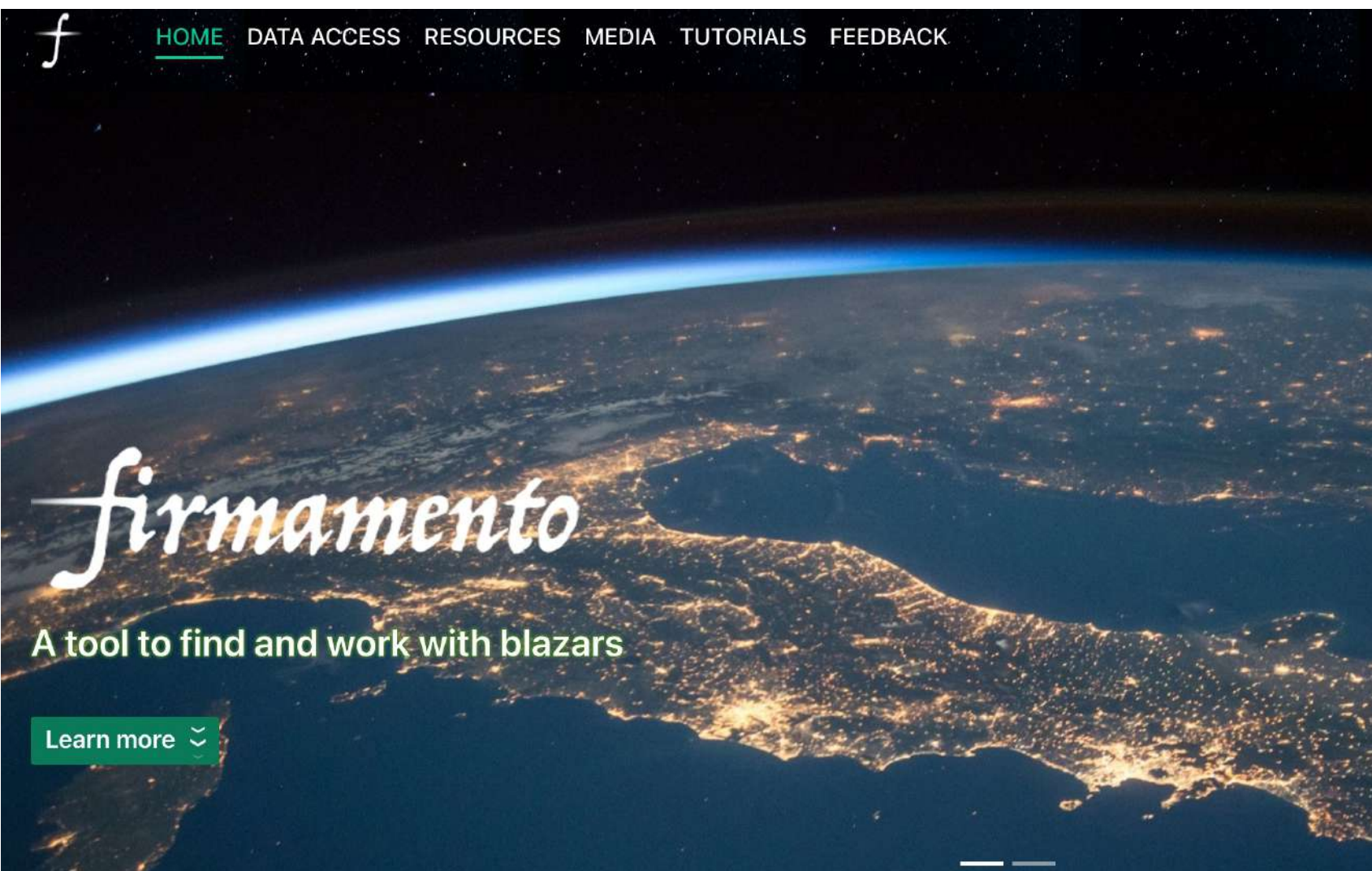
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Abstract. Blazars are active galactic nuclei whose ultra-relativistic jets are co-aligned with the observer direction. They emit throughout the whole e.m. spectrum, from radio waves to VHE gamma rays. Not all blazars are discovered. In this work, we propose a catalog of new highly probable candidates based on the association of HE gamma ray emission and radio, X-ray and optical signatures. The relevance of this work is also that it was performed by four high school students from the Liceo Ugo Morin in Venice, Italy using the open-source platform Open Universe in collaboration with the University of Padova. The framework of the activity is the Italian MIUR PCTO programme. The success of this citizen-science experience and results are hereafter reported and discussed.

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| 4FGL J2012.1-5234 | 303.039 | -52.570 | LSSUM J3050.9-4549 | 305.094 | -45.491 | - | 16.70 ±.50 |
| 4FGL J2020.7-4536 | 305.198 | -45.614 | LSSUM J3056.0+4209 | 305.604 | 4.210 | - | 17.00 ±.50 |
| 4FGL J2022.3+0413 | 305.598 | 4.222 | LSSUM J3072.0-0143 | 307.209 | -0.144 | - | 16.30 ±.50 |
| 4FGL J2028.8-0010 | 307.215 | -0.171 | LSSUM J3075.9-5057 | 307.599 | -50.570 | - | 16.60 ±.40 |
| 4FGL J2030.3-5038 | 307.590 | -50.634 | LSSUM J3096.6-36.90 | 309.668 | -36.908 | - | 16.30 ±.60 |
| 4FGL J2038.7-3655 | 309.686 | -36.925 | LSSUM J3256.6-2047 | 325.667 | -20.473 | - | - |
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| 4FGL J2201.0-3228 | 330.257 | -32.477 | LSSUM J3317.6+2237 | 331.767 | 22.376 | 0.56 | 15.90 ±.50 |
| 4FGL J2207.1+2222 | 331.791 | 22.374 | LSSUM J3342.4-6746 | 334.247 | -67.468 | - | - |
| 4FGL J2217.0-6727 | 334.255 | -67.453 | LSSUM J3392.8-6743 | 339.289 | -67.439 | - | - |
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Open Universe documents

- [Open Universe paper](#)
- [Original proposal A/AC.105/2016/CRP.6](#)
- [Report on the Open Universe Expert Meeting](#)
- [Report on the Open Universe workshop](#)

Open Universe Technical presentations

- [June 2016 - COPUOS, 59th session](#)
- [June 2017 - COPUOS, 60th session](#)
- [February 2018 - COPUOS-STSC, 55th session](#)
- [November 2018 - United Nations/Germany High Level Forum](#)
- [February 2019 - COPUOS-STSC, 56th session](#)

Open Universe Workshops

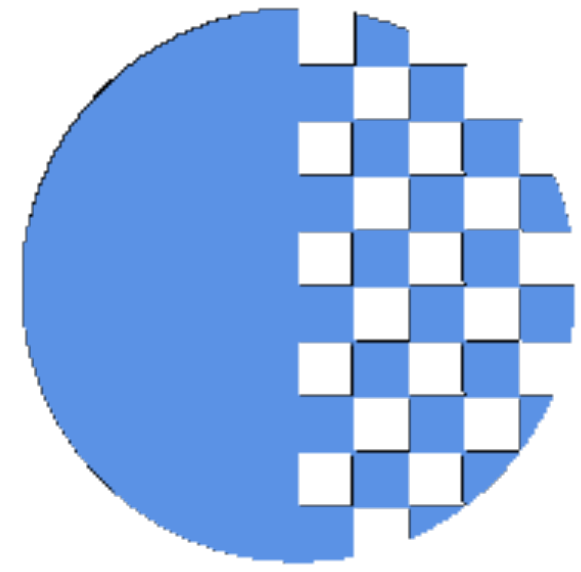
- [Open Universe Expert Meeting, 11-12 April 2017, ASI-HQ, Rome, Italy](#)
- [Open Universe Workshop, Vienna 20-22 November 2017](#)
- [Open Universe international doctoral school, Nice](#)
- [Open Universe Workshop @ New York University Abu Dhabi](#)

WELCOME TO MMDC

Markarian Multiwavelength Data Center (MMDC): a platform for building and analyzing multiwavelength SEDs.

GET STARTED

PILLARS OF THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE



INCREASE TRANSPARENCY of already accessible resources: including promoting FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) guiding principles, promoting the adoption of widely-used standards, processing from raw data to web-ready products, enhanced data-mining and integration solutions, interfacing and facilitating cooperation between data providers and data centres and archives...



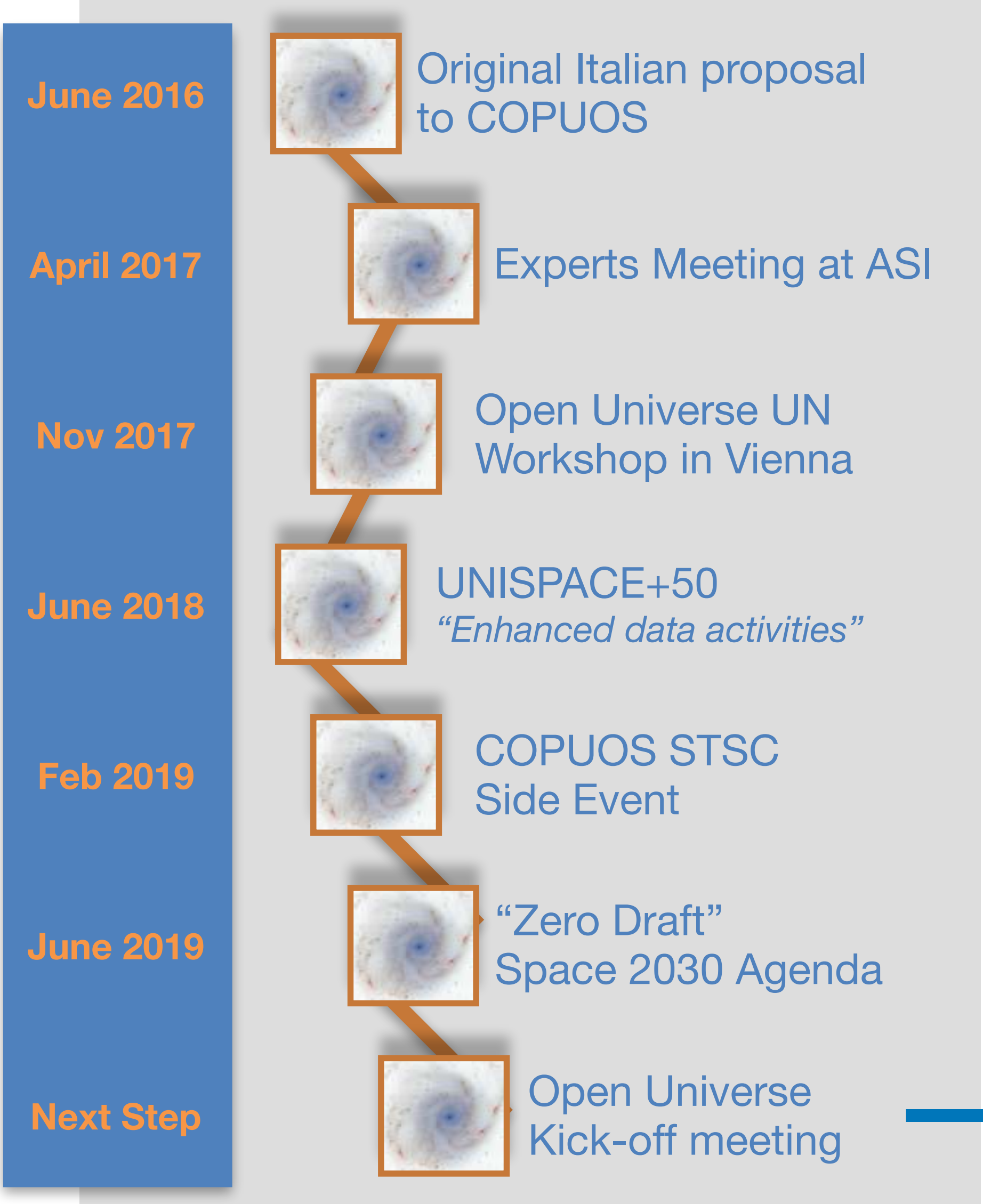
RESURFACE DATA and other hidden or otherwise hardly accessible resources: by identifying inaccessible data and working with national and regional entities to solve the challenges to make them public, including legacy data, as well as bringing new main players and actors in the international space science arena into the Initiative and in contact with other public data access solutions.



BROADEN THE USER-BASE of astronomy and space science data: to include as well the rapidly growing community of citizen scientists, by providing the necessary tools to use astronomy and space science data for a range of target groups, including educators and students, planetariums, amateur scientists or other potential end-users; and by promoting STEM education, particularly among women and youth in developing countries.

Outcomes from the UN Open Universe Workshop, 2017

STEPS TOWARDS THE OPEN UNIVERSE INITIATIVE



Experts Meeting @ ASI, Feb 2017
http://www.openuniverse.asi.it/documents/ou_documents.php

United Nations Workshop, Nov 2017
http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/schedule/2017/workshop_italy_openuniverse.html

UNOOSA Report on Open Universe:
http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2018/aac.105/aac.1051175_0.html

"Zero Draft" 2030 Agenda:
http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/oosadoc/data/documents/2019/aac.105c.22019crp/aac.105c.22019crp.24_0.html

➔ All necessary instruments are in place from the side of Brazil and UNOOSA to move ahead with implementation

What is next for Open Universe?

- **Open Universe is the right concept for a UN-based Capacity Building Initiative**

It is a focus point for development actions, connecting various actors around the world.

- **There is an ever-growing set of infrastructure and institutional support to sustain capacity building activity.**

The next step is to connect the demand to providers, in a sustainable capacity building initiative.

What is next for Open Universe?

A first capacity building event is being planned for next year, in hybrid format, based in Rio.

Partnership with various data / tool providers will be called to join the training and help shape up the event.

The event will be done under the auspices of UNOOSA and co-funded by the BR Ministry of Science, and open to the inputs and participation of all UN Member States and



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